☹ A **SENTENCE FRAGMENT** fails to be a sentence in the sense that it cannot stand by itself. It does not contain even one independent clause.

I went to the movie theater early. Because I like the middle row of the middle section.

☺**INTENTIONAL or STYLISTIC FRAGMENT**

There are occasions when a sentence fragment can be stylistically effective, exactly what you want and no more.

As long as you are clearly in control of the situation, this is permissible, but the freedom to exercise this stylistic license depends on the circumstances. Descriptive and narrative essay = yes. Formal research paper = no.

Intentional fragments add variety, enhance and emphasis:

Purchasing a pet eagle seemed like a great decision at the time I made it without telling you. I imagined our new eagle would be both companion and playmate; a loving friend to share our lives with. Like a dog or cat, but better because it can fly and scream.

Perhaps the lavender I wanted was basic lavender. Ordinary lavender. Grandma’s lavender.

I have thrown away many things in life. But aftershave bottles, never.

Little boys don’t really understand the concept of sharing or hoarding objects. Until they turn five.